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Attached are the statutes concerning large customer reporting in the Universal Systems Benefits program.

Title 69-8-402, MCA requires the ETIC to "review the universal system benefits programs, and, if necessary, submit recommendations regarding these programs." Public utilities and cooperative utilities are required to submit an annual summary report of universal system benefits programs to the ETIC for review. Statute also requires the ETIC to determine whether large customer reports were appropriately filed with the Department of Revenue by comparing those reports with claims made to utilities and cooperatives.

Title 69-8-414, MCA provides a review process for USB reports filed at the Department of Revenue.

During the September meeting, ETIC members will review the USB reporting process and discuss the current Department of Revenue process.

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